Vernal Equanox Birding Weekend

There is still quite a chill in the air, but spring will officially be here in a few short weeks. Consider joinig us for our first ever Vernal Equanox Birding weekend which will be held March 21-23 at Wildwood Ranch in Howe and is being sponsored by the National Federation of the Blind of Michigan and the University of Michigan Dearborn. Though we did not officially participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count with Cornell University we will still be listening and recording our birding data to submit to Cornell as citizen scientists. The outdoor event should be a perfect mixture of warming temperatures while still providing the snow for sled riding and snow tubing. Traveling the trails may not provide for such a slippery experience with frozen toes and noses. On the other hand the weather cannot be predicted or promised. In the event there is an extreme chill in the air there will also be plenty of indoor activities including smors games and crafts aroun the fireplace. Program items include; Noting new nesting; Talking turkey; March Migratory madness; Branches, buds and Bark; Tracks and treats;Birdfeeder building and at least one rousing game of the world famous Braille Birdbrain Jeopardy complete with prizes.

All blind youth, adults, family and friends are welcome. Wildwood Ranch is located at 4909 Brophy Road in Howell Michigan. Cost is $10 per person and transportation may be provided. Checkin is at 6p m Friday March 21 and checkout is Sunday afternoon at 3p m. The registration includes six warm meals and lodging. Bedding and toiletries will need to be brought by individuals and snacks and games are welcome. For more information or to reserve your spot before the March 15 deadline please contact Donna Posont at 313-220-8140 or dposont@umich.edu.